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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:	)	
Brigitte BATHE, et al.	)	Examiner: K. Kerr
Serial No.: 09/941,945	)	Group Art Unit: 1652
Filed: August 30, 2001	,	

For: METHODS FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS IN CORYNEFORM BACTERIA

USING AN ENHANCED sigD GENE (as Amended)

## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004 is due by October 27, 2004. Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

Applicants note the September 27, 2004 telephone conversation between the Examiner and Applicants' representative where the Examiner confirmed that the Office Action dated July 27, 2004 was a <u>non-final</u> Office Action.

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, kindly amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows: